

L to R: Petite Garrett, Payton Dean Riner, President Jim Clapham.

Riner Speaks to Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting, Tuesday night, July 17, 2018 at Catered Creations at 7:00. With President Jim Clapham presiding, we had 17 members in attendance and 2 guests, Pam Baggett and Payton Dean Riner.

The program for the evening was hosted by Petite Garrett, who introduced Payton Dean Riner. Payton is the son of Pam Baggett, a former student of Petite at Emanuel County Institute. Payton was a dual enrollment student who completed a criminal justice certificate at Southeastern Tech before he graduated high school. He then completed the Ogeechee Tech Police Academy program before beginning his police officer career at age 19 with the Millen Police Department. He later worked for the Emanuel County Sheriff's Department before getting old enough to attend Georgia State Trooper Academy. Payton has always wanted to be a Trooper and he explained all he had to do to be accepted to the Trooper school. He had to pass a polygraph test, a psychological evaluation, a vision test, and a rigorous physical examination. His training for Trooper was 32 weeks long and was designed to train Troopers to maintain high performance even fighting fatigue and dealing with stressful situations. Much like military boot camp, the training was all about respect and dedication to finish the program. Payton was very enthusiastic about being a Trooper and was more than willing to talk with anyone who wanted to be a Trooper.

Bobby Peacock read a thank-you letter from Rosa Love thanking us for hosting the Scott Nursing Home Beauty Contest.

If you would like to become a member of our Club, please contact our membership Chair Jane Durden at 478-494-4113 or e-mail her at hsdurden@bellsouth.net. Also, if you would like more information about our Club and the many community service projects that we do each year, go to our website at: www.swainsborokiwanis.org or to our Swainsboro Kiwanis Facebook page.